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Declaration for Patent Application

[] Supplemental (37 C.F.R. §1.67)

As a named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed in the signatory page(s) commencing at page 2 hereof) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

Attachment Mechanism For Surgical Instrument

the specification of which (check one)

- [] is attached hereto.
- [X] was filed on July 8, 2003 as United States Application Number 10/616,506.
- [] was filed on [PCT Filing Date] as PCT International Application No. [PCT Appl'n No.] [OPTION and assigned United States Application No. []].
- [] and was amended on [] (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119 or 365 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

<u>Prior Foreign Application(s)</u>	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Filed? YES	NO
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year filed)	[] [] []
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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<i>OTPS</i>	<i>Application Number</i>	10/616,506
	<i>Filing Date</i>	July 8, 2003
	<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Shawn D. Stad
	<i>Confirmation Number</i>	1774
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	<i>Examiner Name</i>	not yet assigned
	<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	3518.1013-000

<i>Title</i>	ATTACHMENT MECHANISM FOR SURGICAL INSTRUMENT
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I/We hereby appoint

[X] the attorneys/agents associated with **Customer No. 021005**

[] Practitioner(s) named below:

as my/our attorneys/agents to prosecute the application identified above, including any continuation or divisional applications thereof, and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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[X] Authorized representative of the Assignee, DePuy Spine, Inc., of the entire interest. See 37 C.F.R. § 3.71. A Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) is enclosed.

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SIGNATURE of Applicant or Assignee of Record

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Docket No. 3518.1013-000

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)

Applicants: Shawn D. Stad, Christopher Rogers, Michael D. Sorrenti, and Patrick Fatyol

Application No.: 10/616,506 Filed: July 8, 2003

For: ATTACHMENT MECHANISM FOR SURGICAL INSTRUMENT

DePuy Spine, Inc., a corporation
(Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is

- A. the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above; or
- B. an assignee together with [] of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above.

The right, title and interest of the above-named assignee in the patent application identified above is established by virtue of:

- A. An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application identified above. The assignment was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel _____, Frame _____, or a copy thereof is attached.

OR

- B. A chain of title from the inventor(s) of the patent application identified above, to the current assignee as shown below:

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[] Additional documents in the chain of title are listed on a supplemental sheet.

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

Date: 11-5-03

Name: Thomas M. DiMauro

Title: Patent Attorney + Assistant Secretary

Signature: Thomas M. DiMauro

*Joint*ASSIGNMENT*COPY*

WHEREAS, we, **Shawn D. Stad, Christopher Rogers, Michael D. Sorrenti, and Patrick Fatyol**, have invented a certain improvement in **ATTACHMENT MECHANISM FOR SURGICAL INSTRUMENT** described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, the specification of which:

- [] is being executed on even date herewith and is about to be filed in the United States Patent Office;
- [X] was filed on **July 8, 2003** as Application No. **10/616,506**;
- [] was patented under U.S. Patent No. [] on [].

WHEREAS, **DePuy Spine, Inc.** (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the **State of Ohio**, and having a usual place of business at **325 Paramount Drive, Raynham, Massachusetts 02767-0350** desires to acquire an interest therein in accordance with agreements duly entered into with us;

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern be it known that for and in consideration of said agreements and of other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we have sold, assigned and transferred and by these presents do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest in and throughout the United States of America, its territories and all foreign countries, in and to said invention as described in said application, together with the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and such Letters Patent as may issue thereon; said invention, application and Letters Patent to be held and enjoyed by said ASSIGNEE for its own use and behalf and for its successors, assigns and legal representatives, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this assignment and sale not been made; we hereby convey all rights arising under or pursuant to any and all international agreements, treaties or laws relating to the protection of industrial property by filing any such applications for Letters Patent. We hereby acknowledge that this assignment, being of the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, carries with it the right in ASSIGNEE to apply for and obtain from competent authorities in all countries of the world any and all Letters Patent by attorneys and agents of ASSIGNEE's selection and the right to procure the grant of all such Letters Patent to ASSIGNEE for its own name as assignee of the entire right, title and interest therein;

AND, we hereby further agree for ourselves and our executors and administrators to execute upon request any other lawful documents and likewise to perform any other lawful acts which may be deemed necessary to secure fully the aforesaid invention to said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, but at its or their expense and charges, including the execution of applications for patents in foreign countries, and the execution of substitution, reissue, divisional or continuation applications and preliminary or other statements and the giving of testimony in any interference or other proceeding in which said invention or any application or patent directed thereto may be involved;

AND, we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States to issue such Letters Patent as shall be granted upon said application or applications based thereon to said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals the date set forth below.

Inventor's Signature:



Shawn D. Stad

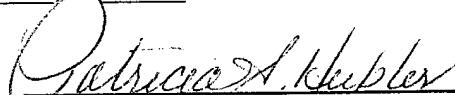
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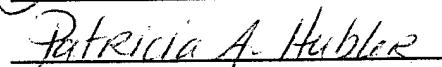
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Then personally appeared before me the above-named **Shawn D. Stad** and acknowledged that he/she executed the foregoing instrument as his/her free act and deed this 28th day of October, 2003.

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My Commission expires 03/09/2007

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